GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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ENHANCEMENT OF FUNDS FOR DRINKING WATER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Governments, particularly Andhra Pradesh has requested the Union Government to enhance their share of 75 per cent for drinking water sub-mission projects due to revision of project estimates;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a): Yes, Sir. Requests have been received from the Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Punjab and Kerala for providing additional funds on account of escalated project cost in respect of Sub-Mission Projects sanctioned by the Government of India prior to 1.4.1998.

(b): On account of escalated project cost, Government of Andhra Pradesh has sought additional funds to the tune of Rs.148.93 crore, Punjab Rs. 9.02 crore and Kerala Rs. 7.87 crore, respectively.

(c): Rural Water Supply is a State subject and Rural Drinking Water Supply Schemes are implemented by the State Governments from their own resources. The Government of India supplements their efforts by providing funds under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) and Rural Drinking Water component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY) Since 1.4.1998, powers to plan, sanction and implement Sub-Mission Projects under ARWSP have been delegated to States. However, in case of projects sanctioned prior to 1-4-1998 under Sub-Mission, while sanctioning the project it was made clear that Government of India will not accept or meet any escalation in the cost of these projects. Therefore, the inability of the Government of India to meet additional expenditure on account of cost escalation in respect of the Sub-Mission projects sanctioned by the Rajiv Gandhi National Drinking Water Mission prior to 1-4-1998 has been conveyed to the respective State Governments.